

### REMARKS

In response to the Office Action dated March 14, 2007, please consider the following remarks made in a good faith attempt to move prosecution of this application forward to a proper allowance of the claims.

Please note that any and all fees associated with this response, including any applicable extension fees under 37 C.F.R. 1.136, and any fees for newly presented claims, may be charged to the deposit account of the undersigned, **Account No. 50-0894**.

Applicant here requests such extensions under 37 C.F.R. 1.136 as may be necessary to render this response timely.

#### **Election / Restrictions**

Examiner has required restriction as to the following:

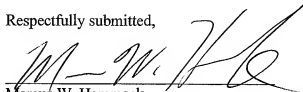
- I. Claims 4, 7, and 8, drawn to a fishing hook, classified in class 43, subclass 43.16; and
- II. Claim 9, drawn to a method for depositing titanium alloy onto a fishing hook, classified in class 29, subclass 9.

In response, Applicant elects Claims 4, 7, and 8, drawn to a fishing hook, classified in class 43, subclass 43.16 for prosecution on the merits.

Applicant respectfully submits, that in view of the preceding, Claims 4, 7, and 8 are in condition for allowance. Reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejections are hereby requested, and allowance of Claims 4, 7, and 8 at an early date is solicited. If impediments to allowance of the claims remain and a telephone conference between the undersigned and the examiner would

help remove such impediments in the opinion of the Examiner, a telephone conference is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'M. W. Hammack', written over a horizontal line.

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